

REMARKS

Claims 1-10 are pending in the application. Claim 8 is herein amended. Claims 1-7 are herein cancelled. No new matter has been added.

Claim 8 is independent.

On Page 2 of the Office Action, the drawings are objected to. The specification has been amended, namely the description of the figures, and a corrected drawing is herein submitted. Thus, the objections to the drawings are believed to be overcome, thereby placing the application in condition for allowance.

On Page 3 of the Office Action, the disclosure is objected to because of informalities. The specification has been amended, namely Paragraph [0040], in order to clarify and eliminate the informalities. The amended specification is believed to overcome the objection, thus placing it in condition for allowance.

On Page 4 of the Office Action, Claims 3, 4, and 8-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Amended paragraph [0040] of the present application recites, in part, "the runners 580 include a vertex that extends along a longitudinal centerline or axis perpendicular to the surface affixed to the heel or toe of the club head 570." This clarification is believed to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, thus placing Claim 8 in condition for allowance. Furthermore, Claims 9 and 10 are believed to be allowable as they depend from amended independent Claim 8.

On Page 5 of the Office Action, Claims 1 and 5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C.

§102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 3,394,937 to Allport. Claims 1 and 5 have been cancelled, thus no further response is necessary.

On Page 5 of the Office Action, Claims 2-4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 3,394,937 to Allport in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,529,202 to Jacobson. Claims 2-4 have been cancelled, thus no further response is necessary.

On Page 6 of the Office Action, Claims 6 and 7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 3,394,937 to Allport in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,433,441 to Olsen et al. Claims 6 and 7 have been cancelled, thus no further response is necessary.

On Page 6 of the Office Action, the Examiner states that should Claim 6 be found allowable, Claim 7 will be objected to under 37 CFR 1.75 as being a substantial duplicate thereof. Claims 6 and 7 have been cancelled, thus no further response is necessary.

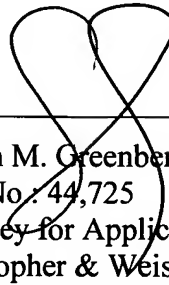
On Page 7 of the Office Action, the Examiner indicates Claims 8-10 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph and to include all the limitation of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant thanks the Examiner for this indication of allowable subject matter. Claim 8 has been re-written in independent form to include all the limitations of the previous base claims. Furthermore, the specification of the current application has been amended, and is thus believed to overcome the 35 U.S.C. §112 rejection, thus placing Claim 8 in condition for allowance. Furthermore, Claims 9 and 10 are believed to be allowable as they depend from amended independent Claim 8.

For all of the above reasons, the claim objections are believed to have been overcome placing Claims 8-10 in condition for allowance, and reconsideration and allowance thereof is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned to discuss any matter that would expedite allowance of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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